AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 5 with the following amended paragraph:

R2 means C_1-C_{14} alkyl, C_2-C_{14} alkenyl, 1,3-butadienyl, 1-butane, C_1-C_4 alkylaryl, heteroaryl, C_1-C_4 alkylheteroaryl, cycloalkyl, C_1-C_4 alkyl-cycloalkyl, heterocycloalkyl, C_1-C_4 alkylheterocycloalkyl, ~~$C_mH_{2m+o-p}Y_p$~~ $C_mH_{2m+o-p}Y''_p$ (with m = 1 to 6, for o = 1, p = 1 to 2m+o; for m = 2 to 6, o = -1, p = 1 to 2m+o; for m = 4 to 6, o = -2, p = 1 to 2m+o; ~~Y~~Y'' = independently from each other selected from the group consisting of halogen, OH, OR21, NH_2, NHR21, NR21R22, SH, SR21), $CH_2NHCOR21$, $CH_2NHCSR21$, $CH_2S(O)nR21$, with n = 0, 1, 2, $CH_2SCOR21$, CH_2OSO_2-R21, CHO, CH=NOH, CH(OH)R21, -CH=NOR21, -CH=NOCOR21, -CH=$NOCH_2CONR21R22$, -CH=$NOCH(CH_3)CONR21R22$, -CH=$NOC(CH_3)_2CONR21R22$, -CH=N-NHCO-R23, -CH=N-NHCO-$CH_2NHCOR21$, -CH=N-O-$CH_2NHCOR21$, -CH=N-NHCS-R23, -CH=CR24R25 (trans or cis), COOH, COOR21, CONR21R22, -CH=NR21,

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

Preferred R2 residues are heteroaryl, cycloalkyl, C_1-C_4 alkylheteroaryl, heterocycloalkyl, C_1-C_4 alkylheterocycloalkyl, ~~$C_mH_{2m+o-p}Y_p$~~ $C_mH_{2m+o-p}Y''_p$ (with m = 1 to 6, for o = 1, p = 1 to 2m+o; for m = 2 to 6, o = -1, p = 1 to 2m+o; for m = 4 to 6, o = -2, p = 1 to 2m+o; ~~Y~~Y'' = independently from each other selected from the group consisting of halogen, OH, OR21, NH_2, NHR21, NR21R22, SH, SR21), $CH_2NHCOR21$, $CH_2NHCSR21$, $CH_2S(O)nR21$, with n = 0, 1, 2, $CH_2SCOR21$, CH_2OSO_2-R21, CH(OH)R21, -CH=NOR21, -CH=$NOCH_2CONR21R22$, -CH=$NOCH(CH_3)CONR21R22$, -CH=$NOC(CH_3)_2CONR21R22$, -CH=N-NHCO-R23, -CH=N-NHCO-$CH_2NHCOR21$, -CH=N-O-$CH_2NHCOR21$, -CH=N-NHCS-R23, -CH=CR24R25 (trans or cis), CONR21R22, -CH=NR21, -CH=N-NR21R22,

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 7, line 24 with the following amended paragraph:

R2 is C_1-C_5 alkyl, C_1-C_4 alkylaryl, C_2-C_5 alkenyl, heteroaryl, C_1-C_4 alkylheteroaryl, CHF_2, CF_3, polyol side chain, CHOH-CHOH-CHOH-CHOH-CH_3, CHOH-CHOH-CH=CH-

CH_3, CH=CH-CHOH-CHOH-CH_3, ~~CH_2Y (Y = F, Cl, Br, I)~~ CH_2Y''' (Y''' = F, Cl, Br, I), CH_2NH_2, $CH_2NR21R22$, $CH_2NHCOR23$, $CH_2NHCSR23$, CH_2SH, $CH_2S(O)nR21$, with n = 0, 1, 2, $CH_2SCOR21$, CH_2OH, CH_2OR21, CH_2OSO_2-R21, CHO, $CH(OR21)_2$, $CH(SR21)_2$, CN, CH=NOH, CH=NOR21, CH=NOCOR21, CH=N-NHCO-R23, CH=CR24, R25 (trans or cis), COOH,